

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 129-131 are pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 129-131 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Noguchi, U.S. Patent No. 5,812,223 ("NOGUCHI") in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 ("KONNO").

As explained to the Examiner in the telephone interview of March 2, 2005, Applicant does not agree that the combination of the cited Figure in NOGUCHI and KONNO renders the pending claims unpatentable. Specifically, Applicant does not agree that Figure 3 of NOGUCHI discloses the combing and resolving steps as recited in the claims. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant has made certain amendments to the pending claims. The Examiner agreed during the telephone interview that these amendments to the claims would overcome the cited references.

Element [g] of claims 129-131 has been amended to recite "...the projection means receiving only light having substantially the same selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electric field vectors."

NOGUCHI discloses a projecting lens that receives light having both S-type and P-type polarizations. Based on the foregoing amendments, claims 129-131 should be in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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